



COURSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

STRATEGIES, METHODOLOGIES, POLICIES AND ACTIONS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Module 4

Rural Development and Natural Resources

May 2 - 12, 2006

Location: Venice International University, San Servolo Island, Italy

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Learning Objectives:

By the end of the module participants will:

- Understand the international, regional (EU) and national policies and concepts for regional and rural development
 - Common Agricultural Policy
 - Economic and Social Cohesion Policies
- Understand multiple dimensions and impacts of resource use, and be able to differentiate between sustainable and unsustainable use of natural resources and limits to growth
- Consider social, environmental and economic factors and effects when making resource-use-related decisions
- Understand the role of local communities in natural resources management, and their engagement and ability to develop implementation tools at the national level

Course Agenda

Theme: Introduction to Sustainability Planning and Resource Management

Key note speech: Principles of Sustainability Planning - Planning for Environment, Economy and Communities (Annika Korzinek, European Economic and Social Committee)

Workshop: Introduction to Resource Management Simulation (Janos Zlinszky, REC)

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Theme: Resource Management - Water

Lecture: EU Water Framework Directive: State of Play of Implementation and Implementation Costs (Edward Bellinger, Central European University)

Lecture: Management of Transboundary Lakes and Rivers: Comparative Cases from East and West Europe (Edward Bellinger, Central European University)

Tutorial: Participants' experiences with Water Resource Management (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Theme: Sustainable Agriculture: Trends and Traditions

Lecture: Energy from Agriculture: Future Scenarios (Annalisa Cevasco, Group of Local Action "Appennino Genovese")

Lecture: National Policies Encouraging Sustainable Agriculture (Marta Hrustel, Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture)

Morning Theme: Biotechnology and Organic Agriculture

Lecture: Biotechnology (Davide Spadaro, University of Turin)

Workshop: Organic Agriculture and Biotechnology - A Possible Interaction? (Davide Spadaro, University of Turin, and Concetta Vazzana, University of Florence)

Afternoon Theme: Local Agricultural Systems and Rural Traditions

Lecture: Encouraging Local Foods Systems and the Preservation of Agricultural Traditions (Cinzia Scaffidi, Slow Food)

Panel Discussion: Opportunities for Local Food Systems in CEE (Cinzia Scaffidi, Slow Food and Iva Dykova, REC Czech Office)

Theme: Organic Food Production, Auditing and Distribution (site visit)

Site Visit: El Tamiso Farmers' Cooperative. Visit at the Fruit and Vegetable Market in Padua.

Site Visit: Meeting with Organic Auditors: AIAB Veneto (Massimiliano Rossi, Italian Association for Organic Farming)

Site Visit: Meeting with the Producers: Lunch at an Organic Eco-tourism Farm "Bacco e Arianna", Vo' Euganeo, Padua.

Site Visit: Meeting with Organic Distributors: Brio Spa, Verona.

Theme: Landscape Ecological Planning; Non-Renewable Resource Management

Workshop: Good Governance Introduction (Stephen Stec, REC and Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Lecture: Landscape Ecological Planning: Concepts and Methods (Anna Barbati, University of Tuscia)

Lecture: Non Renewable Resources Management and Rural Development: the Mining Case Study (Stephen Stec, REC)

Workshop: Good Governance (Stephen Stec, REC and Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Themes: Economic Evaluation of Natural Resources; Forestry

Workshop: Good Governance Debrief (Stephen Stec, REC and Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Lecture: Economic Evaluation of Natural Resources (Sergio Giaccaria, University of Turin)

Lecture: Forestry and the Development of Rural Areas (Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Lecture: Forest Policy in Central and Eastern Europe: Liberalization and Conservation in the Age of Transition (Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Tutorial: Participants' Experiences with the Sustainable (or Unsustainable) use of Natural Resources (Participants and Lecturers as facilitators)

Theme: Tourism - Threat or Opportunity

Lecture: Ecotourism - a Modern Tool and Opportunity for Sustainable Development in Central and Eastern Europe (Kamelia Georgieva, Bulgarian Consultant)

Tutorial: A Participant's Experiences with Ecotourism

Site visit: Valle Averno and Valle Figheri - Nature Protection and Traditional Lifestyles (Paolo Rosa Salva, Environmental Planner)

Themes: European Policies for Rural Development; Water Resource Management

Lecture: Introduction to CAP (Claudio Cecchi, La Sapienza University of Rome)

Lecture: Agro-Environment Programmes and Plans: Financing for Rural Development (Claudio Cecchi, La Sapienza University of Rome)

Tutorial: Participants' Experiences with CAP, Agro-Environmental and Financing Programmes, Rural Development (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Lecture: Integration of Environmental and Social Concerns Into National Rural Development Programmes, with an Emphasis on the Environmental Aspects (Thomas Nielsen, WWF European Policy Office, EPO)

Lecture: Sustainable and Integrated Water Resources Management - the Global Challenge (Janusz Kindler, Technical University of Warsaw)

Tutorial: A Participant's Experiences With Water Management (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Theme: Biodiversity Protection and Wrap-up

Lecture: The Protection of Biodiversity in the Enlarged Europe (Antonio Fernández de Tejada Glz., General Directorate for Biodiversity, Spanish Ministry for the Environment)

Closing Discussion: Can we Protect Rural Areas and Resources While Fostering Development? (Facilitated by Antonio Fernández de Tejada Glz. and Tutors)